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SUBJ: PLAN OF ACTION FOR HORN OF AFRICA

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1. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS KHALATBARY EVENING
FEBRUARY 19 TO PROVIDE HIM CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING U.S. POLICY
ON HORN OF AFRICA CONTAINED REFTEL. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR PROMPT WASHINGTON REPLY AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM SHAH
IMMEDIATELY. HE WAS REASSURED BY U.S. ASSESSMENT THAT SIAD
BARRE OVERTHROW BY PRO-SOVIET REGIME WAS UNLIKELY. HE
SAID CONCERN ABOUT VIOLATION OF BORDER STEMMED FROM SHAH'S
PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT IRAN COULD NOT REMAIN "INDIFFERENT" TO
BORDER VIOLATION. HE SEEMED RELIEVED THAT WE DID NOT
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CONSIDER BOMBING OF HARGEISA AS AGGRESSION.

2. KHALATBARY SAID THAT HE EXPECTED HAVE FORMAL (AND
FAVORABLE) REACTION TO OUR PLAN OF ACTION AS SOON AS HE
COULD CONSULT SHAH FEBRUARY 20. IN MEANTIME, SHAH HAD
ALREADY FULLY ENDORSED NEED FOR SIAD BARRE TO DECLARE HIS
WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW FROM OGADEN IN ORDER TO START

NEGOTIATING PROCESS. CONSEQUENTLY, HE HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED
IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISCIO TO MAKE DEMARCHE ALONG THOSE
LINES TO SOMALI GOVERNMENT.

3. I ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO INFORM KHALATBARY OF U.S. VIEWS
ON UNSC INITIATIVE. HE HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED IN GENERAL
TERMS BY UK AMBASSADOR. AGAIN, KHALATBARY HAD NO STRONG
REACTION, BUT HOPED NIGERIA COULD BE PERSUADED TO TAKE THE
INITIATIVE. HE FELT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET AN EFFECTIVE
RESOLUTION UNDER A SOVIET CHAIRMAN.
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